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Letter dated 29 August 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Russian Federation notes that, in accordance with the guidelines for the conduct of the work of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) concerning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, in particular paragraph 5 (a) thereof, decisions of that subsidiary body of the Council are taken exclusively on the basis of consensus.

During the Committee's meeting of 24 August 2018, the Russian Federation objected to the adoption of the agenda for the meeting. The Chair of the Committee disregarded the lack of consensus on the issue and continued the meeting. Moreover, he proposed to those members of the Committee that disagreed with his actions that a voting procedure be followed, with reference to the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, which have nothing to do with the work of the Committee. In that connection, we consider that the Chair exceeded his authority and breached the guidelines of the Committee for the conduct of its work.

In view of the above, the Russian Federation wishes to reiterate its position to the members of the Security Council, as follows. The decision of the Chair of the Committee concerning the agenda for the meeting, which was taken in breach of the Committee's guidelines, is invalid and cannot constitute a precedent for the taking of decisions in the future. We therefore take the view that the Committee's meeting of 24 August 2018 ended after the discussion of agenda item 1, "Adoption of the agenda", as the agenda was not approved.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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